



# **RHODE ISLAND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY**

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**APRIL 24, 2012**



# VOTER ID IN 2012

Beginning in 2012, poll workers will ask you to show an ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the fairness of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

## **What is an acceptable ID?**

IDs must be valid and cannot have expired, but they do not need to have your current address.

### **Acceptable Photo IDs include:**

- 1) RI driver's license
- 2) U.S. passport
- 3) State of RI- or U.S. government-issued ID card
- 4) ID card from an educational institution in the United States
- 5) U.S. military ID card
- 6) Government-issued medical card

### **Acceptable non-Photo IDs for 2012 and 2013 include:**

- 1) Birth certificate
- 2) Social security card
- 3) Government-issued medical card

## **Protecting Your Vote**

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Photo ID will be required at the polls beginning in 2014.

Mail ballots will not require Voter ID.

Voters who do not have an acceptable photo ID can get one free of charge from the State.

**Find more about Voter ID at [www.sos.ri.gov](http://www.sos.ri.gov)**



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
*Office of the Secretary of State*

**A. Ralph Mollis**  
*Secretary of State*

Dear Friend:

Among my duties as Secretary of State, there is no more important undertaking than assuring that our elections are accessible to those who vote and those who wish to serve. In this guide, you will find all the information you need to play a role in the upcoming April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary.

This guide contains a detailed list of crucial deadlines as well as thorough explanations of the steps you must take to seek the presidential nomination of a political party or to serve as a delegate to your party's national convention.

In keeping with my pledge to employ technology to improve Rhode Islander's access to their government, this guide is posted on our website at [sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp](http://sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp), where it is available 24/7.

This strategy not only saves Rhode Islanders the cost of printing thousands of copies of the guide, it makes it easy for political parties, citizens and candidates to share links to the guide with their constituents, friends and supporters. Of course, we will provide hardcopies upon request.

Among the important documents that you will also find on our website are the Statement of Intent form for presidential candidates and the Declaration of Candidacy form for delegates. These are fillable forms, which may be completed online. Even if you choose to complete them electronically, you must download the completed form, sign it and ensure that the signed original arrives at our Elections Division by the applicable deadline.

Government belongs to the people. The more they know, the better they will be served. If you need additional information, please contact our Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TTY 711, or [elections@sos.ri.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

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# OVERVIEW FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, DELEGATES, AND PARTY VOTERS

On April 24, 2012 Rhode Island will hold its Presidential Preference Primary. Simultaneously, delegates and alternates will be selected to attend the National Conventions for the Democrat and Republican political parties.

The following information is intended as a brief introduction to Rhode Island's Presidential Preference Primary and the delegate selection process. The information in this pamphlet is not intended to replace professional legal advice. If you have questions regarding the legal information provided or the law, you should contact your legal counsel.

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Any person seeking the endorsement of a national political party for which a primary is being held shall provide written notification to the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division 148 W. River Street, Providence, 02904 indicating his or her intent to run in the Presidential Preference Primary. Candidates can provide this written notification beginning on January 19, 2012 and continuing through and including January 21, 2012. Said notification must include the candidate's name and address and a statement affirming his or her eligibility, under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to serve in the Office of President of the United States. While Rhode Island General Laws do not require a specific form for this notice of intent, the Office of the Secretary of State has created a convenient Statement of Intent form for presidential candidates. This form may be obtained on our website at [www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp/](http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp/) or by contacting the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division at 401-222-2340.

Once the Statement of Intent is received, the Office of the Secretary of State shall by 6 p.m. on the same day prepare nomination papers for candidates who wish to serve as President of the United States. For Statements of Intent that are filed by noon on January 21, 2012 nomination papers will be prepared and ready by 2 p.m. that day.

Rhode Island state law requires presidential candidates to obtain the signatures of 1,000 eligible voters in order to be placed on the ballot. Signatures are obtained on nomination papers. Persons signing nomination papers must be eligible voters at the time of signing. Candidates must ensure that nomination papers are classified by city or town. Only voters from the city or town where the voters are registered should sign each nomination paper. On or before February 2, 2012, presidential candidates must submit the signed nomination papers to the local board of canvassers of the city or town where the signers are registered to vote. The local boards of canvassers will then certify the signatures in said city or town. The local boards of canvassers must check, process, and certify the nomination papers to the Office of the Secretary of State by February 15, 2012.

The Office of the Secretary of State receives the certified nomination papers from local boards of canvassers, totals the signatures and announces the qualified presidential candidates. After qualifying to appear on the ballot, each political party's candidates for presidential nominee shall be arranged on the ballot through a lottery. The Office of the Secretary of State will conduct the lottery on March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m. in the Governor's State Room, State House, Providence, Rhode Island.

## DELEGATES

The National Committee of each political party determines the number of delegates and alternates that are elected from each of Rhode Island's two congressional districts. The rules of each political party control the method of selection of the delegates. Certified copies of the complete rules of each political party including, but not limited to, the delegate selection rules and delegate procedures for the national convention of the political party must be filed not later than January 3, 2012 by the State Chairs. The National Committees' determination of the number of delegates and alternates and the parties' rules for the method of election of candidates for delegate must be certified to the Office of the Secretary of State and the Board of Elections by the State Committees and the State Chairs, respectively, not later than January 3, 2012.

A voter who wants to be a delegate to his or her party's National Convention must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Office of the Secretary of State during the period from February 22 through February 23, 2012. The Declaration of Candidacy must include:

- ~ The delegate candidate's name and address,
- ~ Place and date of birth,
- ~ Length of residence in Rhode Island,
- ~ Party designation, and
- ~ A statement that the voter, if elected as a delegate, would comply with his/her party rules relating to delegates and to the conduct of the party's National Convention.

In addition to the Declaration of Candidacy, a delegate candidate must also complete a Pledge of Support form prepared by his or her political party. By law, delegate candidates must file the Pledge of Support form with the state's Declaration of Candidacy.

Once the Declaration of Candidacy is validated by the Office of the Secretary of State, the Office of the Secretary of State shall by 4 p.m. on the next business day prepare nomination papers for candidates who wish to serve as a delegate to their party's National Convention. Delegate candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy on February 22, 2012 may pick up their nomination papers on February 23, 2012; and delegate candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy on February 23, 2012 may pick up their nomination papers on February 24, 2012. A delegate candidate must obtain the signatures of 150 eligible voters on his or her nomination papers. Only voters from the city or town where the voters are registered should sign each nomination paper. On or before February 28, 2012, delegate candidates must submit the signed nomination papers to the local board of canvassers of the city or town where the signers are registered to vote. The local boards of canvassers will then certify the signatures of voters registered in said city or town. The local boards of canvassers must check, process, and certify the nomination papers to the Office of the Secretary of State by March 2, 2012.

Delegate candidates must submit documentation to the Office of the Secretary of State no later than March 6, 2012, that the delegate has the presidential candidate's approval to be identified on the primary ballot with the candidate. All qualified delegate candidates who have received the presidential candidate's approval shall be listed on the ballot, arranged by lottery, under the name of the presidential candidate. Those delegate candidates who do not submit an approval from the presidential candidate will be listed on the ballot in accordance with party rules.

Names of delegate candidates appear on the ballot for the congressional district in which they are registered to vote. No one can appear on the ballot as a candidate for delegate more than once. There can be nothing on the ballot to indicate or suggest political party endorsement.

In the event there is a 200 vote or less difference between the losing candidate and the winner, the Board of Elections shall, upon application, conduct a recount.

In accordance with party rules, the Democrat and Republican parties in Rhode Island will apply the results of the April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary in assigning their delegates to their respective 2012 National Conventions.

For the Democrat Party, Rhode Island has a total of 41 delegates and 2 alternates of which 22 delegates and 0 alternates will be selected based on the results of the April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary.

A copy of the Rhode Island Delegate Selection and Affirmation Action Plan for the 2012 Democrat National Convention is available on our website at [www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp](http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp)

For the Republican Party, Rhode Island has a total of 19 delegates and 16 alternates of which 16 delegates and 16 alternates will be selected based on the results of the April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary.

A copy of the Rhode Island Delegate Selection and Affirmation Action Plan for the 2012 Republican National Convention is available on our website at [www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp](http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp)

Vacancies in a party's delegation shall be filled by alternates in the order of their plurality and in accordance with party rules.

## PARTY VOTERS

A voter is not entitled to vote in a party's primary if the voter is designated as a member of another party. A voter who would like to disaffiliate from his or her current party designation in order to be eligible to vote for a different party in the April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary must file his or her disaffiliation with the local board of canvassers of the city or town in which he or she is registered on or before January 25, 2012. Voters file their disaffiliations by completing a registration form and listing their new party choice or unaffiliated in the section labeled "party".

At the Presidential Preference Primary, each party voter shall have the opportunity to vote for one person as his or her choice to be his or her party's candidate for President. However, the voter may instead cast an uncommitted vote, expressing the voter's choice for none of the presidential candidates appearing on the ballot. Each party voter shall also have the opportunity to vote for delegates to their respective National Conventions.

**NOTE: Information in this pamphlet is intended solely as a guide and does not constitute official interpretation of state law. All statutory references are to Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended.**

Unless noted otherwise herein, all filings required by the election laws must be made no later than 4 p.m. on the due date.

This information guide pertains to the procedures for the selection of presidential candidates and delegates for the Democrat and Republican political parties. Persons interested in obtaining information regarding the presidential candidate and/or delegate selection process in place for any other political party are advised to directly contact that political party.



# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**Note: All required documents, unless noted otherwise, must be filed or obtained at the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 148 W. River Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904.**

### › **January 19 - 21, 2012**

File with the Office of the Secretary of State their Statement of Intent to seek endorsement of political party as its presidential candidate. Statements of Intent filed on January 21, 2012 must be submitted by noon. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(a)*

### › **January 19 - 21, 2012**

Pick up nomination papers at the Office of the Secretary of State by 6 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, and by 2 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers must have written authorization from the candidate. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(1)*

### › **February 2, 2012 (not later than)**

File nomination papers with local boards of canvassers. Presidential candidates must obtain one thousand (1,000) signatures of eligible voters. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

### › **February 16, 2012**

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates with Board of Elections. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

### › **February 21, 2012**

Deadline for Board of Elections to rule on eligibility of presidential candidates. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(c)*

### › **February 21, 2012**

Deadline for presidential candidate to file affidavit of withdrawal with the Office of the Secretary of State. *RIGL §17-12.1-4(e)*

### › **March 6, 2012 (not later than)**

The Office of the Secretary of State must receive consent in writing from presidential candidates regarding which delegate candidates are affiliated with said presidential candidate. *RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

### › **March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

The Office of the Secretary of State to conduct lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegates. Lottery to be conducted in the Governor's State Room, State House, Providence, Rhode Island. *RIGL §17-12.1-11*

### › **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary *RIGL §17-12.1-1*

### › **April 25, 2012**

Deadline to request a recount of votes or file a protest with the Board of Elections. Recounts may be conducted for a presidential candidate or a delegate when there is a 200 vote or less difference between the losing candidate or delegate and the winner. *RIGL §17-12.1-14, 17-15-34*

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## DELEGATE CANDIDATES

**Note: All required documents, unless noted otherwise, must be filed or obtained at the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 148 W. River Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904.**

### › **November 23, 2011\***

Deadline to file disaffiliation to run as a delegate. If voters wish to run as delegates and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which they wish to run as delegates, they must disaffiliate with their local board of canvassers during this time period. Deadline depends on date delegate file their Declaration of Candidacy (See chart on page 8).

*RIGL §17-14-1.1*

### › **January 23 - 24, 2012**

Deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy as a delegate.

Registration deadline depends on date delegate file their Declaration of Candidacy (See chart on page 8).

*RIGL §17-14-1.2*

### › **February 22 - 23, 2012**

File Declarations of Candidacy with the Office of the Secretary of State.

*RIGL §17-12.1-3*

### › **February 23 - 24, 2012**

Pick up nomination papers at the Office of the Secretary of State. Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers must have written authorization from the candidate. Delegate candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy on February 22, 2012 may pick up their nomination papers on February 23, 2012; and delegate candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy on February 23, 2012 may pick up their nomination papers on February 24, 2012.

*RIGL §17-12.1-5*

### › **February 28, 2012 (not later than)**

Submit nomination papers to local boards of canvassers in the city or town where signers are registered voters. Signers on a nomination paper must be from the city or town listed at the top of the nomination paper. Delegate candidates must obtain the signatures of 150 eligible voters from their congressional district.

*RIGL §§17-12.1-6, 17-12.1-7(a)*

*\* We recommend that voters file for disaffiliation by November 23. November 25 is the deadline, but most local boards of canvassers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Voters should contact their local board of canvassers for more information. See page 27 for contact information.*

› **March 5, 2012**

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates with Board of Elections.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(b)*

› **March 6, 2012 (not later than)**

Delegate candidate submits documentation to the Office of the Secretary of State that the delegate candidate has approval to be identified with presidential candidate.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

› **March 6, 2012**

Deadline for candidate to file affidavit of withdrawal with the Office of the Secretary of State. In the event of an objection being filed to nomination papers, the deadline is extended to 24 hours after a decision is rendered.

*RIGL §17-12.1-3*

› **March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

The Office of the Secretary of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegates. Lottery to be conducted in the Governor's State Room, State House, Providence, Rhode Island.

*RIGL §17-12.1-11*

› **March 8, 2012**

Deadline for Board of Elections to rule on eligibility of delegate candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(c)*

› **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary

*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

› **April 25, 2012**

Deadline to request a recount of votes or file a protest with the Board of Elections. Recounts shall be conducted for a presidential candidate or a delegate when there is a 200-vote-or-less difference between the losing candidate or delegate and the winner.

*RIGL §§17-12.1-14, 17-15-34*

# CHARTS FOR REGISTRATION AND DISAFFILIATION DEADLINES FOR DELEGATE CANDIDATES

Declarations of Candidacy for delegates can be filed during the period February 22 and 23, 2012. Individuals wishing to run as delegates must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the date of filing their Declarations of Candidacy. If voters wish to run as delegates and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which they wish to run as delegates, they must disaffiliate at least 90 days prior to the date they file their Declarations of Candidacy.

The following charts provide the deadlines for registering and disaffiliation for each of the possible Declaration of Candidacy dates.

If an individual:	
Files a declaration as a delegate on:	The person must be <u>registered</u> to vote by:
February 22, 2012	January 23, 2012
February 23, 2012	January 24, 2012

If an individual:	
Files a declaration as a delegate on:	If applicable, the person must be <u>disaffiliated</u> by:
February 22, 2012	November 23, 2011*
February 23, 2012	November 23, 2011*

*\* We recommend that voters file for disaffiliation by November 23. November 25 is the deadline, but most local boards of canvassers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Voters should contact their local board of canvassers for more information. See page 27 for contact information.*

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## RHODE ISLAND VOTERS

**Note: In order to vote in a political party's primary, you must either be registered as a voter and member of that party or be an unaffiliated voter who affiliates with that party on the day of the primary.**

### › **January 25, 2012 (not later than)**

Deadline for voters to file for disaffiliation at their local board of canvassers in order to be eligible to vote in a Presidential Preference Primary. Persons intending to vote in a primary must either be registered under that party or disaffiliated from any other political party (if a member) at least 90 days prior to the Presidential Preference Primary.

*RIGL §17-9.1-24*

### › **March 12, 2012**

Deadline to apply for a Braille or tactile mail ballot. Voters who are blind or visually impaired may apply at their local board of canvassers for a Braille or tactile ballot to be voted as a mail ballot.

*RIGL §17-19-8.1*

### › **March 24, 2012**

Deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary. Individuals must be registered at least 30 days prior to the primary. Contact your local board of canvassers for registration hours.

*RIGL §§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3*

### › **April 3, 2012**

Deadline for voters to apply for a mail ballot at their local board of canvassers.

*RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)*

### › **April 4 - 23, 2012**

Emergency mail ballot application period. Voters are eligible to apply for emergency mail ballots at their local board of canvassers if they unexpectedly need a mail ballot and the situation occurs after the April 3, 2012, mail ballot application deadline.

*RIGL §17-20-2.2(a) and (b)*

### › **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary

*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### › **January 3, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive certification from each party's state committee for the number of delegates and alternates to be selected as determined by the national committee of each party, and the certification of party rules for national conventions.

*RIGL §17-12.1-2*

### › **January 3, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive party rules from state chairs.

*RIGL §17-12.1-15*

### › **January 19 - 21, 2012**

Receive Statement of Intent of presidential candidates to run in the Presidential Preference Primary.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(a)*

### › **January 19 - 21, 2012**

Prepare and issue nomination papers for presidential candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(1)*

### › **February 15, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive certified nomination papers of presidential candidates from local boards, totals signatures and announces the qualified presidential candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

### › **February 21, 2012**

Deadline to receive presidential candidate affidavit of withdrawal.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(e)*

### › **February 22 - 23, 2012**

Receive Declarations of Candidacy from persons filing as delegates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-3*

### › **February 23 - 24, 2012**

Nomination papers available to delegate candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-5*

### › **March 2, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive certified nomination papers of delegate candidates from local boards of canvassers.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

### › **March 6, 2012**

Receive documentation from presidential candidates regarding their identification with specific delegate candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

› **March 6, 2012**

Receive delegate candidate withdrawals.

*RIGL §17-12.1-3*

› **March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

Conduct lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegates. Lottery to be conducted in the Governor's State Room, State House, Providence, Rhode Island.

*RIGL §17-12.1-11*

› **April 6, 2012**

Last day to receive certifications for mail ballot applications from local boards of canvassers.

*RIGL §17-20-10(c)*

› **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary

*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

› **April 26, 2012**

Receive certificates of nomination from Board of Elections.

*RIGL §17-15-31*

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

› **January 3, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive party rules from state chairs.

*RIGL §17-12.1-15*

› **February 16, 2012**

Deadline to receive objections filed by an individual or organization to nomination papers of presidential candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

› **February 21, 2012**

Render decisions on objections filed regarding presidential candidate nomination papers.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(c)*

› **March 5, 2012**

Receive objections to delegate nomination papers.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(b)*

› **March 8, 2012**

Render decisions on objections filed regarding delegate nomination papers.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(c)*

› **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary

*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

› **April 25, 2012**

Deadline to receive requests for recount.

*RIGL §§17-12.1-14, 17-15-34*

› **April 26, 2012**

File certified copies of certificates of nomination with the Office of the Secretary of State. In the event of a protest, the Board of Elections is allowed an additional 48 hours.

*RIGL §17-15-31*



# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## LOCAL BOARDS OF CANVASSERS

### › **November 23, 2011\***

Deadline for voters to file for disaffiliation, if necessary, with the local board of canvassers in the city or town where they are registered to vote in order to run as a delegate. Disaffiliation must be filed at least 90 days before filing declaration. Deadline depends on date delegate files their Declaration of Candidacy (See chart on page 8).

*RIGL §17-14-1.1*

### › **January 23 - 24, 2012**

Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy as a delegate. Registration deadline depends on date delegate files their Declaration of Candidacy (See chart on page 8).

*RIGL §17-14-1.2*

### › **January 25, 2012**

Deadline for voters to file for disaffiliation, if necessary, with the local board of canvassers in the city or town where they are registered to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary.

*RIGL §17-9.1-24*

### › **February 2, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive nomination papers from presidential candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

### › **February 15, 2012 (not later than)**

Certify presidential candidate nomination papers to the Office of the Secretary of State.

*RIGL §17-12.1-4(b)(2)*

### › **February 28, 2012 (not later than)**

Receive nomination papers from delegate candidates.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

### › **March 2, 2012 (not later than)**

File certified nomination papers of delegate candidates with the Office of the Secretary of State.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

*\* We recommend that voters file for disaffiliation by November 23. November 25 is the deadline, but most local boards of canvassers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Voters should contact their local board of canvassers for more information. See page 27 for contact information.*

› **March 12, 2012**

Deadline for voters to apply for a Braille or tactile mail ballot with the local boards of canvassers. Voters who are blind or visually impaired may apply for a Braille or tactile ballot to be voted as a mail ballot.

*RIGL §17-19-8.1*

› **March 24, 2012 (not later than)**

Last day for individuals to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary. *RIGL §§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3*

› **April 3, 2012**

Last day to receive mail ballot applications.

*RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)*

› **April 3, 2012 (not later than)**

Examine and correct list of qualified voters.

*RIGL §17-10-5*

› **April 6, 2012**

Certify applications for mail ballots to the Office of the Secretary of State.

*RIGL §17-20-10(c)*

› **April 23, 2012**

Deadline for voters to apply for emergency mail ballots.

*RIGL §17-20-2.2(b)*

› **April 24, 2012**

Presidential Preference Primary

*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND STATE CHAIRS

## › **January 3, 2012**

The Office of the Secretary of State receives certification from each party's state committee for the number of delegates and alternates to be selected as determined by the national committee of each party, and the certification of party rules for national conventions.

*RIGL §17-12.1-2*

## › **January 3, 2012**

The Office of the Secretary of State and Board of Elections receive party rules from state chairs.

*RIGL §17-12.1-15*

## › **March 6, 2012**

Deadline for delegate candidates to submit documentation to the Office of the Secretary of State that the delegate candidate has approval to be identified with presidential candidate.

*RIGL §17-12.1-7(a)*

## › **March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

The Office of the Secretary of State to conduct lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegates. Lottery to be conducted in the Governor's State Room, State House, Providence, Rhode Island.

*RIGL §17-12.1-11*

## › **April 24, 2012**

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*RIGL §17-12.1-1*

## › **April 26, 2012**

Obtain certified copies of election results from the Board of Elections. Determine winning delegates pursuant to party rules filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

*RIGL §17-12.1-9*

# CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

EVENT	DATE	RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES
Deadline for voter to file a disaffiliation (if necessary) to be eligible to run as a delegate.	November 23, 2011*	§17-14-1.1; Must be disaffiliated at least 90 days. See chart on page 8 - disaffiliation deadline must agree with the required filing date.
Democrat and Republican state political party chairs file party rules with the Office of the Secretary of State	January 3, 2012	§17-12.1-15; Party rules must be filed on or before the first Tuesday in January.
State committees file with the Office of the Secretary of State the number of delegates and alternates to be elected.	January 3, 2012	§17-12.1-2; Information must be filed by the first Tuesday in January.
Presidential candidates file Statement of Intent.	January 19, 2012 to January 21, 2012	§17-12.1-4(a); Statements of Intent are to be filed during the 94th through and including the 96th day before the Presidential Preference Primary. Note: Deadline for filing on Jan. 19 or Jan. 20 is 4 p.m.; deadline on Saturday, Jan. 21, is noon.
Nomination papers are issued to presidential candidates.	January 19, 2012 to January 21, 2012	§17-12.1-4(b)(1); Issued by 6 p.m. on the same day as Statement of Intent filed, except that for Statement of Intent filed on Jan. 21, papers issued by 2 p.m. The Office of the Secretary of State must prepare nomination papers.

*\* We recommend that voters file for disaffiliation by November 23. November 25 is the deadline, but most local boards of canvassers will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Voters should contact their local board of canvassers for more information. See page 27 for contact information.*

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES</b>
Deadline for delegates to register to vote in order to file declarations.	January 23, 2012 to January 24, 2012	§17-14-1.2; Delegate must be eligible to vote (i.e. registered 30 days) in order to file a declaration of candidacy; See chart on page 8 - registration date must agree with the required filing date.
Deadline for voters to file disaffiliation (if necessary) to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary.	January 25, 2012	§17-9.1-24; Voters must disaffiliate at least 90 days before primary.
Presidential candidates submit nomination papers to local boards of canvassers.	February 2, 2012	§17-12.1-4(b)(2); Nomination papers must be submitted by the 82nd day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Local boards certify presidential candidates' nomination papers to the Office of the Secretary of State.	February 15, 2012	§17-12.1-4(b)(2); Local boards certify by the 69th day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline to file objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates.	February 16, 2012	§17-12.1-4(b)(2); Objections filed with the Board of Elections on the next business day after nomination papers are filed.
Deadline for Board of Elections to rule on eligibility of presidential candidates.	February 21, 2012	§17-12.1-4(c); Decisions are rendered by the 63rd day before the Presidential Preference Primary.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES</b>
Deadline for presidential candidates to withdraw.	February 21, 2012	§17-12.1-4(e); Withdrawal must be filed by the 63rd day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Delegate candidates file declarations of candidacy.	February 22, 2012 to February 23, 2012	§17-12.1-3; Declarations must be filed during the 61st and 62nd day preceding the Presidential Preference Primary
The Office of the Secretary of State issues nomination papers to delegates.	February 23, 2012 to February 24, 2012	§17-12.1-5; Issued on the next business day after filing. The Office of the Secretary of State must prepare nomination papers.
Delegate candidates submit nomination papers to local boards of canvassers.	February 28, 2012	§17-12.1-7(a); Delegate candidate nomination papers must be submitted at least 56 days before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Local boards certify delegate nomination papers to the Office of the Secretary of State.	March 2, 2012	§17-12.1-7(a); Local boards must certify to the Secretary of State by the 53rd day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline to object to delegate nomination papers.	March 5, 2012	§17-12.1-7(b); Objections are filed with the Board of Elections on the next business day after nomination papers are filed. March 3 being a Saturday and March 4 being a Sunday, the next business day is Monday, March 5.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES</b>
Delegates submit documentation of approval by presidential candidate.	March 6, 2012	§17-12.1-7(a); Delegates must provide documentation to the Office of the Secretary of State by the 49th day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline for delegate candidates to withdraw.	March 6, 2012	§17-12.1-3; Withdrawal must be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State by the 49th day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Lottery for ballot placement. March 7, 2012 at 5 p.m. State Room, State House	March 7, 2012	§17-12.1-11; The order of the ballot shall be chosen by lottery under the direction of the Office of the Secretary of State.
Deadline for Board of Elections to rule on delegate eligibility.	March 8, 2012	§17-12.1-7(c); Decisions are rendered by the 47th day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline for voters to apply for a Braille or tactile mail ballot.	March 12, 2012	§17-19-8.1; Voter must apply at least 45 days before the Presidential Preference Primary. Because the 30th day is Saturday, March 10 the deadline moves to March 12.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES</b>
Deadline for voters to register to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary.	March 24, 2012	§17-1-3; Voters must be registered at least 30 days. §17-1-7; Because the 30th day is Sunday, March 25, the deadline moves to Saturday, March 24.  §17-9.1-3; Local boards set hours when they will be open to receive voter registrations on March 24.
Local boards examine and correct voting lists.	April 3, 2012	§17-10-5; Lists must be examined before the 20th day preceding the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline for voters to apply for a mail ballot with the local boards of canvassers.	April 3, 2012	§17-20-2.1(c); Voter must apply by 4 p.m. on the 21st day preceding the Presidential Preference Primary.
Emergency mail ballot period begins.	April 4, 2012	§17-20-2.2(a); Circumstances must have occurred 20 days or less before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline for local boards to certify mail ballot applications to the Office of the Secretary of State.	April 6, 2012	§17-20-10(c); Local boards must certify mail ballot applications not later than the 18th day before the Presidential Preference Primary.
Deadline to apply for an emergency mail ballot.	April 23, 2012	§17-20-2.2(b); Deadline is 4 p.m. on the day before the Presidential Preference Primary.



EVENT	DATE	RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS WITH CITATIONS NOTES
Presidential Preference Primary	April 24, 2012	§17-12.1-1; Primary to be held on the fourth Tuesday in April.
Deadline to request recount.	April 25, 2012	§§17-12.1-14, 17-15-34; Recount requests must be filed by 4 p.m. on the day after the Presidential Preference Primary.
Board of Elections to issue certificates of election.	April 26, 2012	§17-15-31; Certificates to be filed by the 2nd day after the Presidential Preference Primary. Date shall be extended until after the conclusion of recounts, if a recount is requested.

# **RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS - PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

**17-12.1-1. Date of primaries for election of delegates to national conventions.** – A primary election for the election of delegates to the national convention for each political party shall be held in the manner provided in this chapter on the fourth Tuesday in April 2012, and every fourth year thereafter.

**17-12.1-2 Number of delegates to be elected – Method of election.** – At each primary there shall be elected for each congressional district of this state the number of delegates and alternates that shall be determined by the national committee of the party and certified to the secretary of state not later than the first Tuesday in January preceding the primary by the state committee of the party. The method of election of candidates for delegate shall be in accordance with party rules certified to the secretary of state by the chairperson of the state committee on or before the first Tuesday in January of each year a primary is to be held pursuant to this chapter.

**17-12.1-3. Declaration of candidacy -- Delegates.** – During the sixty-first (61st) and sixty-second (62nd) day preceding a primary for election of delegates to a national convention, each voter desiring to be a delegate at the forthcoming convention shall, on the form that shall be provided by the secretary of state, sign his or her name as it appears on the voting list and file, not later than four (4:00) p.m. of the date of filing with the secretary of state, a declaration of candidacy which shall include the following information:

(1) His or her name and address as they appear on the voting list, party designation, place and date of birth, and length of residence in the state and in the town or city where he or she resides.

(2) A statement that, if elected, he or she would comply with all party rules of the national committee of the party designated in subdivision (1) of this section relating to delegates to national conventions and conducting of national conventions.

(3) At the same time as the declaration of candidacy is filed, the appropriate pledge of support form provided to the secretary of state by the political parties must be filed by the candidate for delegate.

(4) If any candidate for delegate does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least forty-nine (49) days prior to the date for the primary, file an affidavit with the secretary of state stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the secretary of state shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot.

**17-12.1-4. Presidential candidates.** – (a) Any person seeking the endorsement of a national political party for which a primary is being held shall, during the ninety-fourth (94th) through and including the ninety-sixth (96th) day preceding the presidential preference primary being held, provide written notification to the secretary of state of his or her intention to run in the presidential preference primary. When the deadline falls on a Saturday, said written notification may be filed with the secretary of state on that Saturday until noon (12:00) p.m. The notification shall include the candidate's name and address and a statement affirming their eligibility, under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to serve, if elected, in the office of President of the United States. The notification shall also include the name and contact information of the designee authorized by the presidential candidate to act in his/her stead in Rhode Island.

(b) (1) Upon receipt of the notification referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the secretary of state shall, by six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the same day, prepare petition papers for candidates who are eligible to serve in the office of President of the United States, clearly marked with the candidate's name, party designation, and the office the candidate seeks; provided, however, that for notifications filed on a Saturday deadline by noon (12:00) p.m., petition papers shall be prepared by two o'clock (2:00) p.m. on that Saturday.

(2) The petition papers of a candidate for president shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one thousand (1,000) eligible voters and shall be submitted on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the eighty-second (82nd) day before the presidential preference primary to the local board of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters, and the petition papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the secretary of state by the local boards before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the sixty-ninth (69th) day before the presidential preference primary. When nomination papers have been duly certified by the appropriate local boards of canvassers, they shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, unless written objections to them are made as to the eligibility of the candidate or the sufficiency of the nomination papers or the signatures on them. All objections shall be filed with the state board of elections by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after the last day fixed for local boards to file nomination papers with the secretary of state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the secretary of state from disqualifying a candidate based on the determination of the secretary of state that the nomination papers or the signatures on them are invalid or insufficient.

(c) The decision of the state board shall be rendered not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the presidential preference primary and shall immediately be certified by the state board to the secretary of state.

(d) If any candidate for presidential nomination does not qualify for ballot placement, the names of delegates committed to this disqualified presidential candidate, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot in accordance with party rules.

(e) If any candidate whose name has been announced as a presidential nominee does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least sixty-three (63) days prior to the date for the primary, file an affidavit with the secretary of state stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the secretary of state shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot. Said affidavit must be signed by the presidential candidate or his or her designee on file with the office of the secretary of state. Names of delegates committed to the withdrawn candidate, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot in accordance with party rules.

**17-12.1-5 Preparation of nomination papers – Delegates.** – Upon receipt of the declaration referred to in § 17-12.1-3, the secretary of state shall prepare nomination papers for each candidate who has qualified, clearly marked with the candidate's name and the office the candidate seeks, and shall, by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after receipt of the declaration, deliver the nomination papers to the proper candidate or to those persons that the candidate, in writing, designates to receive them.

**17-12.1-6. Number of signers required.** – The nomination papers of a candidate for delegate to a national convention shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one hundred fifty (150) eligible voters.

**17-12.1-7. Checking and certification of nomination papers.** – (a) Each nomination paper of a candidate for delegate shall be submitted on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the fifty-sixth (56th) day before the presidential preference primary to the local board of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters, and the nomination papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the secretary of state by the local boards before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the fifty-third (53rd) day before the presidential preference primary. In addition, each candidate for delegate to a national convention may, on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the forty-ninth (49th) day before the presidential primary, submit to the secretary of state documentation from a candidate, as set forth in section 17-12.1-4, that he or she has the approval of the candidate for presidential nominee or approval from the steering/screening committee to name the candidates' delegates to be identified with him or her. Names of delegates pledged to a presidential candidate who do not receive approval of the candidate for presidential nominee or approval from the steering/screening committee to name the candidates' delegates to be identified with him/her, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot in accordance with party rules.

(b) When nomination papers have been duly certified by the appropriate local boards of canvassers, they shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, unless written objections to them are made as to the eligibility of the candidate or the sufficiency of the nomination papers or the signatures on them. All objections shall be filed with the state board of elections by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after the last day fixed for local boards to file nomination papers with the secretary of state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the secretary of state from disqualifying a candidate based on the determination of the secretary of state that the nomination papers or the signatures on them are invalid or insufficient.

(c) The decision of the state board shall be rendered not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the forty-seventh (47th) day before the presidential preference primary and shall immediately be certified by the state board to the secretary of state.

**17-12.1-8. Presidential preference primary.** – (a) On the same date and at the same time as the election of delegates to national conventions, as provided in section 17-12.1-1, there shall be held a presidential preference primary for each political party at which each party voter shall have the opportunity to vote his or her preference for his or her choice for one person to be the candidate of his or her party for president of the United States.

(b) The secretary of state shall place on the ballot the name of all persons qualified as candidates for presidential nominee as provided in section 17-12.1-4, and who have not filed with the secretary of state the affidavit as provided in section 17-12.1-4, and shall list under the name of each candidate for presidential nominee, arranged by lot, the names of all candidates for delegates to a national convention who submitted the approval of the candidate for presidential nominee as set forth in section 17-12.1-7. All other candidates for delegates to a national convention shall be listed on the ballot, arranged by lot, as uncommitted, unless otherwise specified in party rules.

**17-12.1-9 Voting for nominees and delegates – Designation of winning delegates.** – Each voter shall vote, within that voter's party primary, for the presidential nominees of that voter's choice or may express that voter's choice for no nominee in a space provided and designated "uncommitted" and for any or all of the number of elected delegates allocated to Rhode Island by the respective national committees. The number of delegates and the designation of the winning delegates shall be determined pursuant to the rules of the political party filed with the secretary of state as provided by this chapter.

**17-12.1-10 Filling of vacancies.** – Vacancies shall be filled in the delegation by the alternates in the order of their plurality and in accordance with the rules of the political party.

**17-12.1-11. Form of ballot.** – (a) The order on the ballot, subject to final determination of any objections filed with the board of elections and the removal of said individual(s) by the secretary of state post-lot, of the presidential nominees and delegates and the uncommitted delegates shall be chosen by lot under the direction of the secretary of state.

(b) Individuals committed to a particular presidential candidate or uncommitted shall appear in a manner so that the candidates for delegates shall be readily identified with the presidential candidate to whom they are committed or shall appear in a manner that clearly shows they are uncommitted.

(c) No person shall appear on the ballot as a candidate for delegate more than once.

(d) There shall be nothing on the ballot to indicate or suggest any political party endorsement.

(e) The secretary of state shall prepare and arrange the ballot for use in the primaries authorized in this title, which shall include, as to the candidates for delegates, the person to whom the candidates are committed and any other information and instruction that the secretary of state shall deem necessary.

**17-12.1-12 Definitions.** – For the purposes of this chapter the following terms have the meaning indicated as follows:

(1) “Political party” is defined as provided in § 17-1-2(9).

(2) “Uncommitted” means a candidate for delegate not approved by, obligated, or committed to any particular presidential contender.

**17-12.1-13 Repealed.** –

**17-12.1-14 Recount.** – Upon application, the state board of elections shall conduct a recount for a presidential candidate or delegate for a winning candidate when there is a two hundred (200) or less vote difference between the losing candidate or delegate and the winner. Said recount shall be conducted by re-reading the programmed memory device or devices and comparing the results and totals obtained at such recount with the results and totals obtained on election night. The state board shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

**17-12.1-15. Political party rules.** – The state chairperson of each political party shall, on or before the first Tuesday in January of each year a primary is to be held pursuant to this chapter, file with the secretary of state a certified copy of the complete rules of the political party including, but not limited to, the delegate selection rules and delegate procedure for the national convention of the political party.

**17-12.1-16 Applicability.** – The appropriate provisions of this title shall apply to the primaries held under the provisions of this chapter, unless clearly inconsistent with this chapter.

# POLLING PLACE HOURS

## OPENING TIMES OF POLLS

CITY/TOWN	OPEN	CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.
Barrington	7 a.m.	Newport	7 a.m.
Bristol	7 a.m.	New Shoreham	Noon
Burrillville	9 a.m.	North Kingstown	7 a.m.
Central Falls	7 a.m.	North Providence	7 a.m.
Charlestown	9 a.m.	North Smithfield	7 a.m.
Coventry	7 a.m.	Pawtucket	7 a.m.
Cranston	7 a.m.	Portsmouth	7 a.m.
Cumberland	7 a.m.	Providence	7 a.m.
East Greenwich	7 a.m.	Richmond	9 a.m.
East Providence	7 a.m.	Scituate	7 a.m.
Exeter	7 a.m.	Smithfield	7 a.m.
Foster	7 a.m.	South Kingstown	7 a.m.
Glocester	7 a.m.	Tiverton	7 a.m.
Hopkinton	9 a.m.	Warren	7 a.m.
Jamestown	8 a.m.	Warwick	7 a.m.
Johnston	7 a.m.	Westerly	9 a.m.
Lincoln	7 a.m.	West Greenwich	7 a.m.
Little Compton	9 a.m.	West Warwick	7 a.m.
Middletown	7 a.m.	Woonsocket	7 a.m.
Narragansett	7 a.m.		

### CLOSING TIMES OF POLLS

The polls in all cities and towns in Rhode Island will remain open for voting until 8 p.m. Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast his or her vote before the polls close.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## LOCAL BOARDS OF CANVASSERS

›Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Rd.	247-1900
›Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court St.	253-7000
›Burrillville Town Hall, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville	568-4300
›Central Falls City Hall, 580 Broad St.	727-7450
›Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trl.	364-1200
›Coventry Town Hall, 1670 Flat River Rd.	822-9150
›Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave.	780-3126
›Cumberland Town Hall, 45 Broad St.	728-2400
›East Greenwich Town Hall, 125 Main St.	886-8603
›East Providence City Hall, 145 Taunton Ave.	435-7502
›Exeter Town Hall, 675 Ten Rod Rd.	294-2287
›Foster Town Hall, 181 Howard Hill Rd.	392-9201
›Glocester Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike	568-6206
›Hopkinton Town Hall, 1 Town House Rd.	377-7777
›Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave.	423-9804
›Johnston Town Hall, 1385 Hartford Ave.	553-8856
›Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Rd.	333-1140
›Little Compton Town Hall, 40 Commons	635-4400
›Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Rd.	849-5540
›Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Ave.	782-0625
›Newport City Hall, 43 Broadway	845-5386
›New Shoreham Town Hall, Old Town Rd., P.O. Box 220	466-3200
›North Kingstown Town Hall, 80 Boston Neck Rd.	294-3331
›North Providence Town Hall, 2000 Smith St.	232-0900
›North Smithfield Town Hall, 575 Smithfield Rd.	767-2200
›Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Ave.	728-0500
›Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Rd.	683-3157
›Providence City Hall, 25 Dorrance St.	421-0495
›Richmond Town Hall, 5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.	539-9000
›Scituate Town Hall, 195 Danielson Pike, North Scituate	647-7466
›Smithfield Town Hall, 64 Farnum Pike, Esmond	233-1000
›South Kingstown Town Hall, 180 High St., Wakefield	789-9331
›Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Rd.	625-6703
›Warren Town Hall, 514 Main St.	245-7340
›Warwick City Hall, 3275 Post Rd.	738-2000
›West Greenwich Town Hall, 280 Victory Hwy.	392-3800
›West Warwick Town Hall, 1170 Main St.	822-9201
›Westerly Town Hall, 45 Broad St.	348-2503
›Woonsocket City Hall, 169 Main St.	767-9223

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

# **STATE ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PARTY OFFICES**

### › **Office of the Secretary of State**

Elections Division

148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904 401-222-2340

### › **Board of Elections**

50 Branch Ave., Providence, RI 02904 401-222-2345

### › **Americans Elect**

1901 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 202-223-5152

### › **Rhode Island Democrat Party**

151 Broadway, Suite 310, Providence, RI 02903 401-272-3367

### › **Moderate Party of Rhode Island**

175 Metro Centre Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886 401-533-3360

### › **Rhode Island Republican Party**

1800 Post Rd. Suite 17-I, Warwick, RI 02886 401-732-8282

## **INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

# **SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE**

The following information concerning the Presidential Preference Primary may be found on Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis' website at: [www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp](http://www.sos.ri.gov/elections/ppp)

- › Presidential Preference Primary Guide
- › Election calendar highlights
- › Delegate Declaration of Candidacy Forms
- › Presidential Candidate Statement of Intent Forms
- › Qualified Presidential Candidates: Starting January 20, 2012, daily updates of presidential candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Qualified Delegate Candidates: Starting February 23, 2012, daily updates of delegate candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Sample ballots
- › Find your polling place
- › Political party and presidential candidate contact information
- › Political party delegate selection rules and delegate procedures for the National Conventions